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DIARY NOTES

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1. At the Deputies' Meeting this morning:

a. The Director mentioned a memorandum which he and certain others had received from Mr. Gilpatrick, Deputy Secretary of Defense. The memorandum proposed that a Board called the "Critical Areas Board" (CAB) be created to study special areas and make recommendations as to the proper course of action to be taken in existing situations. South Vietnam, Cuba, and Laos were mentioned as the types of areas and situations which would be studied. This would be a very high-level board and would appear to have the mission originally intended for the Operations ~~Coordinating~~ ^H Committee ~~Committ~~ eating Board (OCB) which has now been abolished.

b. The Director had a memorandum from [REDACTED] requesting permission to contact the Commandant of the National War College to ask him to avoid publicizing "CIA student." After a brief discussion the Director asked that the Director of Training discuss this with appropriate officials at the National War College. He emphasized, however, that he did not wish to make any attempt to have our personnel identified as CIA employees to their classmates or the National War College officials. Matt Baird has been asked to do this.

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3. I briefed the Director on my plans for the dissolution of the Management Staff, and he has given me the green light. He also said that he would be glad to host a small luncheon for [REDACTED] sometime prior to his departure.

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4. [REDACTED] was over for a visit. He had nothing in particular to talk about except his general philosophy of the approach which [REDACTED] Staff would take in carrying out its new duties. Jimmy would like to go to [REDACTED] sometime and he would also like to get a more detailed briefing on all of the DD/S Offices. I told him that I would be very glad to lay this on at his convenience and that it might be of interest to other members of the Staff as well.

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